



Verdant Pastures

A group of children relax in a field in Horseheads, after they found the "Lost Sheep." Donald Fivie, left, holds a statue which played a large part in the game.

It's all part of a new catechetical method and Elmira reporter Dick Baumbach's intriguing story on it appears today on Page 12B.

St. Ann's 'Heritage': A Home of Hope

By ALEX MACDONALD

The Heritage is a new name of hope for about 250 elderly diocesans who will need a place for independent living close to healthcare facilities.

St. Ann's Home can welcome these new residents in the Fall of 1973 when a \$9.1 million addition inaugurated last week by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and the board and staff of the home is completed.

The new complex, adjacent to the 9-year-old St. Ann's at 1500 Portland Ave., which already has 354 beds, will be a 19-story hexagonal-shaped tower with rooms similar to studio-type apartments in a residential hotel.

It is designed to provide protected, self-care living for elderly residents who need some dietary assistance and minimal health supervision.

The Heritage will be operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. They have administered St.

Ann's Home for the elderly since 1906 — for 56 years on Lake Avenue and nine years at the present site.

Termed a "health-related facility" under state housing funds which have provided 97 per cent of the construction costs, the future residence will utilize the supportive services of St. Ann's health and therapy departments, staff physicians, nursing skills, dining room, chapel and recreational rooms.

The Heritage will contain 249 living units, with 12 residents per floor. Each resident room will have a sleeping and a living area, screened from each other like a small apartment. Although two meals a day may be taken in the dining room of St. Ann's, a compact kitchenette unit is included in each room. Each will have also a private bathroom. Washing, drying and ironing rooms will be distributed throughout the building, and there will be a large recreation area and several lounges.

The Heritage intends to offer a level of care less than a skilled nursing home but more than just residential housing. It aims to help those who no longer are able to manage their own apartments or homes but are not in need of expensive nursing care. The supportive service promised will permit the elderly to function independently.

A Sister Becomes Chaplain

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, formerly a teacher at St. Agnes High School, has become a chaplain at the University of Rochester.

She is working with Father James Lawlor, Catholic chaplain on campus for the last two years. Her appointment, by the university and the diocesan Newman Personnel Board, was announced last week.

Sister Joan, a teacher at St. Agnes for nine years, had been chairman of the mathematics department since 1968. She is a Nazareth College graduate and holds an M.S. degree from Notre Dame. She will live at St. Monica's convent.

The new chaplain said she accepted the job as "an opportunity to try my hand at a different kind of work."

"I shall miss teaching," she observed, "but this will give me more time actually to be with people."

When the undergraduates return to campus next month, there will be approximately 650 Catholic students. Sister Joan will help them with liturgies, group discussions and other programs, and will be available for counselling. The overall purpose, she said, is "to help them feel more comfortable with themselves and God."

ST. PAT'S FESTIVAL

St. Patrick's of Rochester will hold its summer festival Aug. 14-15 at the corner of Plymouth Ave. and Brown St. Festivities will start Saturday night at 6 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling 2543381.

WANTED: Black Adoptive Parents

By LAURENCE E. KEEFE

Putting black children into black families is the aim of a new adoptive service inaugurated last week by Catholic Family Center (CFC). Mrs. Gladys Magee, formerly a CFC inner city family worker, has joined the agency's main offices at 50 Chestnut St. in Rochester to coordinate publicity and casework.

"The new abortion law has caused a dropoff in the number of white, healthy infants available for adoption," explained James Maloney, director at CFC. "These are the babies which have always been easiest to place. Now we have the chance to work on a backlog of 4,000 'hard-to-place' babies listed on the New York Adoption Exchange, 85% of them black or of mixed race."

"The Negro people know of adoption, but not of the great need of adoptive parents," explained Mrs. Magee. "Even I didn't know until I came here," she said.

"White-dominated agencies can't open up the inner city," said Maloney.

The CFC Negro Adoption Committee has worked out a dual approach to break down present barriers. They will publish a pamphlet with questions and answers on adoption to appeal to the black community, and racially mixed speaking teams will seek to appear before black groups. "We're convinced," said Maloney, "that if we lay the problem before the community we can find a home for almost every child."

Mrs. Magee, a resident of Bogalusa, La., until 1959 worked at St. Bridget's parish in the Rochester inner city as a family worker from 1968 until



MRS. MAGEE

her present assignment. The slender, soft spoken mother of five girls will make speeches, place advertising in community newspapers and handle the initial processing of black adoptive parents.

Sisters on TV

Two Sisters of Mercy from the diocese will be on Channel 8's Crossfire program. Sister Mary Sullivan, professor of English at Rochester Institute of Technology, will discuss education for differing age levels and backgrounds on Wednesday, Aug. 18. On Monday, Sept. 13, Sister Patricia Keough director of communications for the Sisters of Mercy, will discuss plans for the week of celebration and communication which the Sisters will sponsor in mid-September.

"Crossfire" appears every weekday at 9 a.m.

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